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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

The provisional agenda for the sixty-fifth session, part II, of the Trade and Development Board is reproduced in chapter I below. The secretariat's annotations, contained in chapter II, are intended to provide essential background information covering the provisional agenda items, together with a brief description of the relevant documentation.

A checklist of documents relating to all agenda items will be issued at the beginning of the session.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth session, part II, of the Trade and Development Board was approved during the sixty-fifth session, part I, of the Board on 26 June 2018.

Item 1
Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

Agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced in chapter I above.

Organization of work

3. In order to accommodate the suggestions made by delegations, meetings of the session of the Trade and Development Board have been organized in such a way as to ensure that no two meetings will take place simultaneously. They have been designed with a view to ensuring effective participation by delegations, particularly small delegations, and also to making the most efficient use of the conference resources of the United Nations. A detailed programme will be made available in due course.

Item 2
Evaluation and review of UNCTAD implementation of the quadrennial conference outcome

4. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the Nairobi Maafikiano, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will present a report on UNCTAD implementation of the quadrennial outcome. The report will be the basis for member States' discussions, which may result in recommendations regarding implementation of the outcome document.

Documentation

TD/B/65(2)/CRP.1 Midterm review of the Nairobi Maafikiano

Item 3
Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

5. Deliberations by the Trade and Development Board under the agenda item will provide an opportunity to consider the *Trade and Development Report, 2018: Power, Platforms and the Free Trade Delusion*.

6. The report will examine different aspects of the nature and role of international trade in the era of hyperglobalization and consider related policy challenges that will need to be addressed if trade is to contribute to a more stable and inclusive global economic order.

Documentation

UNCTAD/TDR/2018 and Overview	*Trade and Development Report, 2018: Power, Platforms and the Free-Trade Delusion*

Item 4
Economic development in Africa

7. Under the item, the Trade and Development Board will consider a report on UNCTAD activities in support of Africa, which is prepared every year and presented to a session of the Board. The report provides an overview of research and analysis being undertaken by UNCTAD with regard to African development, as well as a summary of specific activities, including advisory services and technical cooperation, in each sector that falls under the mandate of UNCTAD.

Documentation

TD/B/65(2)/2	Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Item 5
Investment for development

8. There is a global trend towards stronger involvement of Governments in pursuing their development goals. Industrial policies are a core instrument of development strategies, and investment policies are a key element of industrial policies. Against the background of a new industrial revolution and the move towards a digital economy, it is critical to review existing and new industrial development strategies and to analyse their interaction with investment policymaking in this new era of globalization.

9. The discussions will be informed by the latest UNCTAD research and policy analysis, which examine the challenges that countries at different development levels face in adapting their investment policies to the new industrial revolution and present policy options to make both industrial policies and investment policies work for sustainable development. The discussions will be an opportunity to hear different perspectives from eminent panellists, which will lead to an interactive dialogue among participants and panellists, bringing in national, regional and interregional perspectives.

10. In addition, the meeting will provide an opportunity for a briefing by the secretariat on the latest developments regarding global trends in and policies on foreign direct investment.

Documentation

UNCTAD/WIR/2018 and Overview	*World Investment Report 2018: Investment and New Industrial Policies*

Item 6
Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

11. As in previous years, the UNCTAD report on assistance to the Palestinian people analyses key issues and recent economic developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The report highlights the rise in Palestinian unemployment, decline in per capita income, dependence on the Israeli economy and expansion of the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and elaborates on the de-development of the Gaza Strip.

12. The report updates the Trade and Development Board on proposed and recent UNCTAD technical cooperation activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the challenges the secretariat faces in implementing those activities.

Documentation

TD/B/65(2)/3	Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people: Developments in the economy of the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Item 7
Provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board

13. A draft provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board will be prepared by the secretariat for the consideration of the Board.

Item 8
Other business

Item 9
Adoption of the report

14. The report of the Trade and Development Board to the General Assembly will contain negotiated outcomes, as well as the President's summary and any decisions that the Board may decide to adopt.